

CLAIMS (NEW) SUBMITTED

25. (New) An automated voting system comprising:

- a) at least one automated identical voting device;
- b) said voting device having an integrated computer program using an integrated pointing device;
- c) said voting device having at least one counter for counting votes;
- d) said voting device having a graphical user interface for displaying information and ballots;
- e) said voting device interconnected to other said voting devices;
- f) said integrated computer program allowing the selection of one of said voting devices to control the remaining said interconnected voting devices;
- g) said votes stored in multiple places in said voting device for retrieval; and,
- h) test programs to verify the accuracy of said voting system pre and post election.

26. (New) The automated voting device of claim 25 wherein the computer program includes the ability for the voter to write in votes and record the write in votes.

27. (New) The automated voting device of claim 26 wherein said voting device includes at least one (1) security check operation.

28. (New) The automated voting device of Claim 27 wherein one (1) of said security operations is an external device inserted into said voting device to activate said voting device.

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- 29.(New) The automated voting system of claim 25 wherein said voting system includes at least one (1) security check operation.
- 30.(New) The automated voting system of Claim 29 wherein one (1) of said security operations is the entry of an internal password provided by the election authority.
- 31.(New) The automated voting device of Claim 27 wherein a seal, having a unique identification number, is provided by the election authorities is affixed to said voting device and the unique seal identification number is recorded separately from said voting device.
- 32.(New) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein a touch screen is the only interface between the voter and the automated voting device.
- 33.(New) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein said computer program permits the voter to void the ballot prior to casting.
- 34.(New) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein the computer program includes one (1) or more languages and the voter can access the language of choice.
- 35.(New) The automated voting device of Claim 25 wherein the voter confirms on said interface all selections made by poll workers and as portrayed on the interface.
- 36.(New) The automated voting system of Claim 25 wherein a printer is connected to said voting system for printing results of the vote on said system.
- 37.(New) The automated voting system of Claim 25 wherein the plurality of interconnected automated voting devices are controlled as to the selection of valid information by any one of said automated voting devices chosen to control said automated voting system.

38.(New) The automated voting system of Claim 37 wherein said automated voting devices are programmed to transfer data associated with the voting to other locations while maintaining the vote results from individual automated voting devices separate.

39.(New) The method of using individual computer voting devices and computer networking of said voter devices for automated voting comprising the steps of:

- a) controlling all of said individual voting devices from any one of said voting devices;
- b) activating all of said individual voting devices utilizing security operations;
- c) testing for program accuracy with pre-election check programs;
- d) authorizing by code for each voter activation of a ballot on an individual voting device; and,
- e) interactively displaying ballot information on screens and receiving voter input from said individual voting device.

40.(New) The method of Claim 39 and further comprising the step of recording and tabulating each vote entered by each voter at said voting device.

41.(New) The method of Claim 39 further comprising the step of inactivating the vote capability of each individual device.

42.(New) The method of Claim 39 further comprising the step of transferring information to a related printer and printing out the recorded information from said voting system.

43.(New) The method of Claim 39 and further comprising the step of inactivating said individual voting device.

44.(New) The method of Claim 39 further comprising the step of testing the individual voting devices for post election accuracy.

45.(New) The method of Claim 39 and further comprising the step of inactivating and removing the security signals from individual voting devices.

46.(New) The method of Claim 39 further comprising the step of selecting one (1) of the individual voting devices to become a controlling poll official station.

47.(New) The method of Claim 46 wherein comprising the further step of said automated voting device chosen as the controlling poll official station authorizing the code for each voter activation of the ballot on the other individual voting devices.